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Serial No.: 09/700,349 )  
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Filed: November 13, 2000 )  
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Title: METHOD FOR PRODUCING )  
PLANTS HAVING AN INCREASED )  
TOLERANCE AGAINST DROUGHT AND/ )  
OR FUNGAL ATTACK AND/OR )  
INCREASED SALT CONCENTRATIONS )  
AND/OR EXTREME TEMPERATURE BY )  
THE EXPRESSION OF PLASMODESMATA- )  
LOCALIZED PROTEINS )

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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Commissioner of Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to examination of the above-identified application, entry of the following amendment is respectfully requested.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claims 1 to 9 without prejudice. Please replace claims 10 to 18 with amended claims 10 to 18, attached herewith. The claim amendments are as follows: